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### **EDUCATION**

Bringham Young University, summa cum laude 1977
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- Admitted to Idaho State Bar 1980
- Admitted ti 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals, 1985
- Idaho Trial Lawyers Association (Board of Directors, President 1998-1999)

### **AREAS OF PRACTICE**

Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury, Products Liability, Professional Liability, Crop Damage, Airplane Crash Litigation, Lender Liability, Insurance Bad Faith, Patent Litigation, Trademark Litigation

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Date of Birth: June 23, 1941

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Married - Wife is Ali Baker

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**EDUCATION** 

University of Wisconsin - Madison (B.S., 1963) University of Wisconsin - Platteville (B.Ed., 1964)

University of Idaho (J.D. 1971)

**ADMITTANCE** 

Idaho State Bar 1971

**MEMBERSHIPS** 

University of Idaho Law Review (1970-1971) Idaho State bar

**American Bar Association** 

### **EXPERIENCE**

- 1971-1980: Practiced in Blackfoot in general practice and criminal defense.
- 1980-1988: Practiced in the law firm of St. Clair & Hiller primarily in insurance defense and medical malpractice.
- 1988-present: Practicing in Blackfoot in general practice, litigation and probate. Litigation emphasis is in agricultural law.
- Tried over twenty (20) cases by jury verdict.

### **LOCAL ACTIVITIES**

- Actively involved in several professional, civic and charitable activities.
- Served on Bingham County Hospital Board for nine (9) years, two as the chairman.
- Currently serving on Bingham County Library Board.
- Currently serving as President of the Industrial Development Corporation of Bingham County, Idaho

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### **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Idaho State Bar and U.S. Courts, 1979
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1981
- American Bar Associations (Member: Litigation, Torts and Insurance)
- International Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Association of Trial Lawyers of America
- Idaho Trial Lawyers Association
- American Board of Trial Advocates (Advocate Member)

### **EXPERIENCE**

- 1988 Plaintiff's Steering Committee MDL-751 in re Air Crash Disaster Stapleton International Airport, Denver Co.
- 1989 Exemplar Trial Counsel MDL-751 in re Air Crash Disaster Stapleton International Airport, Denver Co.
- Areas of Practice: Product Liability Law; Accident and Personal Injury Law; Medical Malpractice Law; Aviation Law; Insurance Bad Faith Law

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### **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Phi Betta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi
- Idaho State Bar and U.S. Courts, District of Idaho 1973
- Washington State Bar 2002
- American Bar Association
- Idaho Association of Defense Counsel
- Defense Research Institute
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- International Society of Barristers
- The Fellows of the American Bar Association

### **BIOGRAPHY**

- Deputy Prosecutor, Nez Perce County 1975- 1978
- Rupert City Counsel, 1975
- Idaho Commission of Pardons and Parole, 1983-1987
- Past Lawyer Representative U.S. Court, District of Idaho (1998-2000)
- Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative, Coordinating Committee (2000-2003)
- Counselor, Ray McNichols Chapter, American Inns of Court

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Insurance Defense, Commercial Law, Corporate Law, Probate, Estate Planning, Product Liability, and Alternative Dispute Resolution

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### **EDUCATION**

Willamette University Law School - 1973

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Past President Idaho Association of Defense Counsel
- Past President Sixth District Bar Association
- Served on Civil Rules Committee for Idaho Supreme Court
- Member of Idaho & Wyoming State Bars

### **EXPERIENCE**

- Has handled hundreds of major civil cases
- Tried more than 60 civil cases to judgment or verdict in State and Federal Courts
- Managing attorney of the Moffatt Thomas law firm in Pocatello
- Maintains a broad-based litigation practice including medical malpractice defense, general insurance and products liability litigation
- Frequent speaker in Legal Conferences and Seminars

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### **EDUCATION**

Undergraduate: Providence College, Providence RI; BA English 1969
Graduate: College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA; JD 1972

### **ADMISSIONS**

1972 State Bar of Virginia; U.S. District Court E DistVA; U.S. Court of Military Appeals

1974 U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

1975 State Bar of California; U.S. District Court, N Dist CA; U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

1992 State Bar of Idaho; U.S. District Court, Idaho

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Certified Professional Mediator, Idaho Mediation Association

- Idaho Bar Association- Governing Council member, ADR Section (1992-2001)
- Idaho Supreme Court ADR Advisory & Implementation Committee
- Federal Court Arbitration Committee
- Federal Court Mediation Committee
- Idaho Supreme Court ADR Implementation Executive Committee
- Idaho Supreme Court Civil Litigation Evaluators
- Courthouse Alternatives, Inc.
- Who's Who in America Law since 1989

### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

1972-1976	Captain Judge Advocate General Corps, U.S. Army; Pentagonin Washington DC & Presidio in San Francisco
	California
1979-1981	General law practice; Managing Attorney in San Francisco law firm
1981-1986	Chief Litigation attorney, in San Francisco
1986-1992	Private law and ADR practice in San Rafael California
1992-Present	Own and operate ADR business in Boise Idaho; general private practice of law

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1980-1988	Adjunct Instructor at Dominican College in San Rafael California	
1990-1992	Adjunct Instructor at Sonoma State University in Novato California	
1992-Present	Adjunct Instructor at Boise State University, Boise Idaho	

1980-Present Speaker and instructor for bar association, community, school and business programs

Mediation Instructor, Idaho Supreme Court Magistrates' Training

Mediation Instruction, U.S. District Court, Idaho

### ADR EXPERIENCE

- Arbitrated over one thousand disputes
- Mediator for nationwide class action insurance fraud case with claims exceeding \$2 billion.
- Served as Court-appointed Special Master
- Mediated over three hundred cases
- Trainer, educator and speaker on myriad of ADR issues

### LEGAL AUTHORSHIPS

- Author. Alternative Dispute Resolution: What Is It? An A.D.R. Primer <u>The Advocate</u> (Idaho State Bar)
- Monthly columnist. Marin County Bar Association, San Rafael California
- Editor. ADR Service Provider Directory (Idaho State Bar)
- Speaker. Federal Arbitration Idaho State Bar Annual Convention, Sun Valley
- Speaker. Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Employment Arena Northwest Nazarene College
- Speaker. Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Construction Industry National Association of Credit Managers
- Speaker. Alternative Dispute Resolution of Credit Problems Credit Professionals International
- Speaker. Using/Winning with ADR Idaho State Bar seminar
- Speaker. ADR Practical Skills Idaho State Bar seminar
- Speaker. Alternative Dispute Resolution Advantages & Disadvantages
   Idaho Water Users Association
- Speaker. Emerging Trends in the Courts and ADR
   Idaho State Bar Convention, Coeur d'Alene
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- Admitted Idaho State Bar and U.S. Courts, District of Idaho, 1979
- Admitted U.S. Court of Appeals- Ninth Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court, 1991
- Deputy Prosecuting Attorney-Kootenai County 1980-1986
- Criminal Law Division Chief, Office of Idaho Attorney General 1987-1988

### **PRACTICE AREAS**

Trial & Appellate Practice; Commercial and Personal Injury Litigation; Mediation

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### **EDUCATION**

University of Idaho, B.A., cum laude, 1966 Harvard Law School, J.D. 1969

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Idaho State Bar 1970
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit 1971
- Boise and American Bar Associations
- Idaho Association of Defense Counsel (President 1979-1980)
- Defense Research Institute
- Federation of Insurance and Corporate Counsel

(Member, Board of Directors 2001; General Convention Chair 2001 Winter Meeting)

American Board of Trial Advocates (President Idaho Chapter 1987, 1988)

### **BIOGRAPHY**

- Phi Betta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi; Pi Gamma Mu; Phi Etta Sigma
- Listed in "Best Lawyers in the United States"
- Co-Author: "Medical Malpractice Law in Idaho: An Update" 23 Idaho Law Review 173 (1986-1987)
- Author: "Using Improvements in Medical Technology to Prove Timing of Newborn Brain Injury" FICC Quarterly 1991
- Frequent lecturer on Medical Malpractice Law
- Chairman, Board of Directors United Heritage Mutual Life Insurance Company
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- Practice Areas: Medical Malpractice, Professional Liability, Business Litigation, Insurance Defense

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Stanford University, B.A., 1978 University of California, Hastings College of Law, J.D. 1981

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

- California State Bar, 1981
- Idaho State Bar, 1982
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1993
- Fourth Judicial District and American Bar Association
- Idaho Trial Lawyers Association
- American Inns of Court Boise Chapter

### **EXPERIENCE**

Reported Cases: Marchand vs. Mercy Medical, 22 F.3d 933 (9th Cir. 1994)

Braley v. Pangburn, 118 Idaho 575, 798 P2d 34 (1990);

Bubak v. Evans, 117 Idaho 510, 788 P2d 1333 (Ct. App. 1989) (rev. den.)

Areas of Practice: Personal Injury; Product Liability; Automotive Liability; Medical Malpractice;

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### **EDUCATION**

Undergraduate: Brigham Young University and American University (while employed by the late

Senator Frank Church)

Law School: Texas Tech University Law School - 1973

### *MEMBERSHIPS*

- Association of Trial Lawyers of America's Board of Governors
- Board of Directors of the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association (1980-1997)
- Past president of the Idaho Trial Lawyer's Association (1988-1989)
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Idaho Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Board Certified as a Civil and Criminal Trial Specialist
- Current President of the Idaho Bar Association
- Idaho State Bar and American Bar Association

### **EXPERIENCE**

- Visiting Lecturer in Law at University of Idaho, School of Law.
- 2002 recipient of the ACLU's Thurgood Marshall Liberty Award for successful representation of death row inmate Charles Fain
- Partner in the law firm of Hopkins Roden Crockett Hansen & Hoopes
- Maintains a litigation practice which involves personal injury, wrongful death, product liability, medical malpractice and criminal defense.

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### **MEMBERSHIPS**

- California State Bar, 1964
- Idaho State Bar, 1965
- U.S. Court of Appeals -Ninth Circuit, 1979 U.S. Tax Court, 1986
- Member Idaho Medical Association
- Fellow American College of Trial Lawyers

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### **BIOGRAPHY**

- Admitted Idaho State Bar 1966
- Law Clerk to Honorable Fred M. Taylor, U.S. District Court, District of Idaho 1966-1968
- Lawyer Representative U.S. Courts, District of Idaho 1990-1993
- Member, Civil Justice Reform Act Committee, U.S. Courts, District of Idaho 1990
- Idaho State Bar Commissioner 1998-present
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers

### **PRACTICE AREAS**

Insurance Law, Professional Malpractice Law

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Undergraduate: University of Oregon, B.A. 1981

Graduate: Willamette University, College of Law 1984

### MEMBERSHIPS

- Willamette Law Review 1983-84 (Author: "Timesharing: Oregon's Legislation," Vol 20, 1984)
- Boise Bar Association
- Member of Idaho (1985) and Oregon (1984) State Bars
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Lawyer Representative to U.S. Courts (2003-2005)

### **AREAS OF PRACTICE**

Bankruptcy, Real Estate and Commercial Law

### **DAVID METCALF**

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### **PERSONAL**

He and his wife Faye have six children, two adopted from India

### **EDUCATION**

University of California, A.B. with honors in Economics U.C.L.A.., J.D. 1979

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

- American Inns of Court No. 130
- Idaho State Bar (Litigation Section)
- California State Bar

### **EXPERIENCE**

- Law Clerk to Idaho Supreme Court Justice Allan G. Shepherd
- Associate with law firm Langroise, Sullivan and Smylie (now Holland and Hart)
- Law Clerk for 14 years for U.S. District Judge Marion J. Callister
- Presently, Law Clerk for Chief U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill
- Frequently lecturer on Federal Court Litigation
- Arbitrator for Idaho State Bar in attorney fee disputes
- Instructor for Idaho Citizen's Law Academy sponsored by the Idaho State Bar Public Information Committee.

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### **EDUCATION**

Arizona State University, J.D. 1972 Brigham Young University, B.S. in Economics, 1969

### NATIONAL AND STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES

- Lawyer Representative for U.S. Courts, District of Idaho
- Member Idaho State and Washington State Bars
- Idaho Trial Lawyers Association
  - President 1991-1992
  - President Elect 1990-1991
  - Treasurer 1989-1990
  - Secretary 1988-1989
  - Seminar Director 1987-1988
  - Regional Director 1985-1987
- Washington State Trial Lawyer's Association
- Idaho Supreme Court Evidentiary Rules Advisory Committee 1989-1995
- Association of Trial Lawyers of American
  - State Delegate 1987-1989
  - Member 1974-present
- Idaho Law Foundation, Inc.
  - President 2000-2001
  - Vice-President 1999- 2000
  - Board Member 1995-present
  - Board Liaison, Continuing Legal Education Committee 1995 to 1999
- "Best Lawyers In America" one of forty five lawyers in Idaho – 1995 to present
- "Who's Who in American Law"
- Member, National Head Injury Foundation, Inc.
- Member, Specialty Certification Committee of the ITLA and ISBA

### **LEGAL AUTHORSHIPS**

National Trial Lawyer Magazine - Nov 1992

### LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Panhandle Council Boy Scouts of America Executive Board - 1986 to 1993

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Various leadership positions

United Crusade Campaigner --1986 to Present

### **CERTIFICATION**

Certified by the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association and the Idaho Bar Assoc. as a Civil Trial Specialist.

### **PRIVATE PRACTICE**

Concentrated in litigation involving medical negligence, premises liability, automobile negligence, insurance law and contracts/commercial litigation

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### **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Kootenai County, Spokane County and Washington Bar Associations
- Idaho State Bar 1979
- Washington State Bar, 1986
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington, 1987
- Defense Research Institute

### **BIOGRAPHY**

- Co-Author with R.Daniel Bowen: "Worker's Compensation: The Continuing Dilemma of Third-Party Actions" 21 Idaho Law Review 57 (1985)
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- Past president of the Idaho District Judges Association
- Past Lawyer Representative for the U.S. Courts District of Idaho (1991-1995)
- Past member of the Ninth Circuit Executive Committee
- Member of Rotary International
- Involved with the local Boy Scouts of America Organization
- Member of ISU boosters
- Board of Directors for the Symphony